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Community Calendar

Romulus State of the City address set for April 16

The annual State of the City address in Romulus will begin at 5 p.m. April 16 at Romulus High School.

Mayor Robert A McCraight will discuss the achievements and goals in the community. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and networking and light refreshments will be available until 5 p.m.

Registrations will be accepted until April 10 at (734) 942-7571 or StateoftheCity@romulusgov.com.

Romulus High School is located at 9650 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Spring Market set in Sumpter

The Sumpter Township Spring Vendor Market is set for 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 12 and 13 at the Sumpter Community and Senior Center.

The event includes a bake sale, crafts and other vendors. Table rental is $10.

For information or to rent a table, call (734) 461-9375 or email Maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org.

The community center is located at 23501 Sumpter Road in Belleville.

47th Annual Clean Sweep in Romulus set April 26

Volunteers will meet at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road at 9 a.m. April 26. Supplies and assignments will be assigned. Following the clean-up of the city, volunteers will meet at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers for refreshments and raffles.

Register at kbasinger@romulusgov.com or call (734) 955-4535

Ghost Walk planned

Hear the tales of early Plymouth from the characters themselves on April 26 during the Plymouth Historical Museum Ghost Walk.

The walks begin at 4 p.m. and leave every 15 minutes visiting locations up and down Main Street in Plymouth and lasting up to 90 minutes. Participants should meet at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 per person the day of the Ghost Walk (if the walk is not sold out ahead of time). Groups of eight or more should contact the Plymouth Historical Museum for a group rate of $15 per ticket. The Ghosts of Plymouth Walk is sponsored by ATS Advisors.

Plymouth Old Village Yard and Trunk sale set

The annual Old Village Association Yard and Trunk Sale is planned for 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Refreshments will be available at various bars, cafes and restaurants in the area.

More than 25 vendors offering household items, toys, clothing, books, tools, used electronics and other items will participate in the sale.

For more information visit oldvillageplymouth.com.

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Plymouth businesses recovering from flood damage

Mother Nature wreaked havoc at several Plymouth businesses last week when heavy rainfall left floodwater in several downtown businesses.

Owners of several businesses located on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail west of Main Street near the central parking deck downtown continue efforts to clean up from the damage. Some shops remain closed as efforts to recover from the gushing water entering basements and first levels continue. Estimates of damage at multiple stores and shops were still being totaled, several business owners said.

One of the most seriously impacted was Kemnitz Fine Candies where water flowed through the rear of the store. Owner Lori Collick said the flood devastated her business where Easter candy sales are her busiest season. Her shop floor was covered in mud, leaves and debris brought in by the rushing rainwater. While she said she does have flood insurance at the 74-year-old shop, she doubts it can cover the loss of nearly 2,400 chocolate Easter bunnies, a mainstay of her business during the holiday season.

Neighboring business owners were not as fortunate. Home Sweet Home owner Carol Uber was forced to move merchandise to make room for cleaning crews, no small task in her shop which features home décor and vintage items. She said she may have to completely empty the store of the carefully arranged displays of home items to allow for tearing out and replacing the floor. She said she did not have flood insurance at the business.

Business owners said they were told a nearby underground culvert was unable to control the huge downfall of rain during the storm.

Creatopia, a paint-your-own pottery studio, also experienced some minor damage while the offices of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce were closed due to damage to the floor of that building. A long-time staple of downtown, Maggie and Me, a women's clothing store was also closed due to the floodwater damage to the decades-old business.

Nearby, Carol Uber of Home Sweet Home, a vintage and décor shop, was frantically fielding one phone call after the next from worried customers and friends while also trying to move enormous amounts of merchandise so crews could come in to clean.

Unlike Collick, Uber said she does not have flood insurance.

Further down the block, Creatopia, a paint-your-own pottery studio, fared better, but still sustained damage. Across the street, Frameworks escaped serious loss of artwork as owners said most stock and custom framing artwork is kept upstairs.

Business owners said they were told a nearby underground culvert was unable to control the huge downfall of rain during the storm. City Manager Paul Sincock said the 2 inches of rain in an hour was more that the underground storm sewer could carry. The pipe installed in the 1930s or 1940s is underground and carries water from Sheldon Road to Ann Arbor Road. Sincock said some residential areas also experienced flooding but the water had receded by early morning.

Plymouth city officials uploaded an online form so residents and business owners could report damage, Sincock told media sources. He added the city officials have contacted Wayne County and other government offices to determine if the damage would qualify for any disaster aid.

Businesses who escaped serious damage have extended help to Collick who has moved supplies and production to her kitchen facility in Old Village. A website, www.kemnitzfinecandies.com. has been set up and candy can be ordered online and picked up at the neighboring Radiant Jewelry store.

Marshmallow madness

The sky over Wayne County will be filled with a fluffy surprise this spring as the annual Marshmallow Drop makes its return next Friday, April 18. Hosted by Wayne County Parks, this free family-friendly event will shower children with 20,000 marshmallows as they rain down from the Easter Bunny's helicopter. The annual celebration of spring will begin at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills Recreation Area in Westland, 33275 Hines Dr. Children 12 and younger are invited to bring baskets and collect marshmallows as they fly from the sky. While the marshmallows themselves are not for eating, participants can exchange them for a special treat.

For more information, call (734() 261-1990 or visit Wayne County Parks https://tinyurl.com/3pratper

Deadline for new REAL-ID identification documents is May 7

Taking a vacation trip to Cancun, a quick visit to Toronto or a plane trip to visit grandma out of state could become more complicated next month.

As the federal deadline approaches May 7, all U.S. airlines will require a REAL ID-compliant document to board a domestic flight, a standard Michigan driver's license, or ID card no longer will be adequate to board an aircraft for a domestic flight or to enter military bases, nuclear power plants, or certain other federal facilities.

The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 was enacted in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks and requires higher standards for identification.

Those whose name does not match that on their birth certificate will need to provide certified documents, such as marriage licenses or court orders.

Many people have an ID that meets federal REAL ID standards, such as a valid U.S. passport, a Trusted Traveler card, or an enhanced driver's license. Participation in the program is voluntary but anyone who doesn't want a REAL ID will be issued a standard license or ID that can't be used for federal identification purposes.

When applying for a REAL ID, applicants will need to provide a driver's license or ID; a certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; a valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document.

Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.

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Off duty

Northville Township Fire Department Battalion Chief retires

Six days after watching the Twin Towers fall on Sept. 11, Brad Neuhart joined the Northville Township Fire Department. He was the first full-time firefighter hired for the department outside the paid on-call members. He's continued to make history ever since.

Battalion Chief Neuhart, 45, is retiring from the fire service after 24 years helping Northville residents and one year – his rookie year – with Van Buren Township, marking a quarter century as a first responder. His final shift was March 23.

While Neuhart begam his career as a firefighter, he soon became a paramedic and was in the first group of staff to be promoted to a lieutenant in 2010. He continued the "firsts" path and was in the initial group promoted to the role of battalion chief in 2017.

"It's time for me to go," Neuhart said. "You have younger guys here that are real superstars who are ready to continue to advance and build this organization. I also want to spend more time with my family. We have a business outside of here that's also gotten extremely busy, so I decided it was time to go. I'm looking for more balance."

Neuhart owns Brad Neuhart Auctioneers, a full-service auction company he began in 1999, conducting live and online farm sales, business liquidations, toy sales and more.

The two careers have overlapped, Neuhart said, as he has performed CPR to multiple auction patrons. In 2018, a year after his company invested in an automated external defibrillator (AED), he first used it on a regular customer who lost consciousness. Neuhart performed CPR and shocked the man's chest once, reviving him..

Neuhart said he first thought of becoming a firefighter at about age 5. He'd forgotten that dream until adulthood when a buddy he was roofing a building for said he'd make a good one. That friend, who was a fire lieutenant in Ann Arbor, had

Northville Fire Department Battalion Chief Brad Newhart has retired from the department after a 25-year career as a first responder.

amassed a crew of firefighters to help with the job.

Soon after, he joined the Van Buren Township Fire Department.

Neuhart said he will miss the relationships he's built in the past 24 years the most.

The Fire Department will miss him as well. "Brad has assisted in the development of our department over the past 25 years," said Fire Chief Brent Siegel. "He has a lot of technical and operational experience, and his shoes will be hard to fill."

"I appreciate everything that Northville Township has done for me," he said. "It's provided me a living to be able to raise my family, and the opportunity to go back and earn my bachelor's degree (at Sienna Heights), successfully complete (Eastern Michigan University) Staff and Command and attend a host of other trainings. Working here has been a real, real pleasure."

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Those whose name does not match that on their birth certificate will need to provide certified documents, such as marriage licenses or court orders, for every time their name has changed.

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson encouraged residents who do not have a REAL ID but may need one to apply soon, as it will take weeks to arrive by mail.

"Michigan is well above the national average in compliance with the REAL ID standard. If your license or ID has the star, you are REAL ID ready," Benson said. "We want to ensure Michiganders are aware of the approaching deadline and can take the steps needed to avoid possible inconvenience and delays. The Michigan Department of State is ready and available to help Michigan residents easily convert their driver's license to a REAL ID ahead of this deadline."

Those who provide proper documentation will be issued a license or ID in a new state design, which features a REAL ID star indicator in the gold shape of Michigan. Older blue and green licenses and IDs that have the REAL ID star in a gold circle on them are also compliant.

Upgrading a standard license or ID to a REAL ID is free if done during the normal renewal period. Otherwise, a card correction fee of $9 for a driver's license or $10 for an ID is charged. State residents can obtain a REAL ID, which is a license or ID marked by a star, by going to Michigan.gov/REALID to schedule an appointment at any Secretary of State office. The scheduling system will walk them through documents they will need to bring.

As of March 21, 73.5 percent of Michigan driver's licenses and state ID cards are REAL ID-compliant. That includes enhanced driver's licenses and IDs, which are REAL ID-compliant and can be used to cross the border into the United States from Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean by land or sea. The indicator for an enhanced license or ID in Michigan is a U.S. flag icon.

The Michigan Department of State has been working with airports in Michigan for years to provide signage and other reminders to travelers about the upcoming deadline. The department also includes reminders about REAL ID on driver's license and ID renewal notices and has completed several marketing campaigns about REAL ID over the past six years. More information is available at Michigan.gov/REALID.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 8th, 2025, to receive public comment for the following item(s):

1) Text amendments to section 5.3, Accessory Buildings, structures, and uses.
2) Text amendments to section 5.13, Single Family Dwellings, manufactured housing, prefabricated housing.
3) Consider approval of proposed rezoning at 24235 Sumpter Rd.
4) Consider approval of proposed Special Land Use at 25891 Sumpter Rd.
5) Consider approval of proposed Special Land Use at 50425 Bemis Rd.

The Public Hearing has been scheduled to provide all interested citizens with an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office before the hearing date.

Don LaPorte
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
PUBLIC NOTICE

Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA)
Sewer Use Ordinance Revisions

During its March 25th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees adopted the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) revisions to the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Those who were unable to attend the noted Regular Board Meeting are able to review the YCUA Synopsis of Revisions and the full Sewer Use Ordinance by visiting the Sumpter Township website at:

https://sumptertwp.org

or by visiting the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to review a copy.

Don LaPorte
Clerk
Township of Sumpter

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CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 12, 2025, at 6:30 PM

The Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing at the Romulus City Hall in the Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for the proposed 2025/26 FY Budget for the City of Romulus as set forth in Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Information will be available for viewing at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Romulus City Clerk at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

City of Romulus

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Canton Towing and Recovery, LLC

WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC AUCTION FOR VEHICLES DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AT 4560 S WILLARD RD. IN CANTON, MI 48188
ON **THURSDAY APRIL 17TH AT 10AM.**

1995 FORD F-150
(1FTEF15N9SLA66045)

2013 CHRYSLER 200
(1C3CCBBB7DN726353)

2013 FORD FIESTA
(3FADP4BJ1DM141422)

2015 FORD FOCUS
(1FADP3F25FL230282)

2008 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR PREMIUM
(2HSCUAPR58C696572)

1992 FORD L-SERIES DUMP TRUCK
(1FTYY95BXNVA03427)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2025, for the following:

BOARD ROOM AUDIO & VIDEO EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND SERVICE

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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